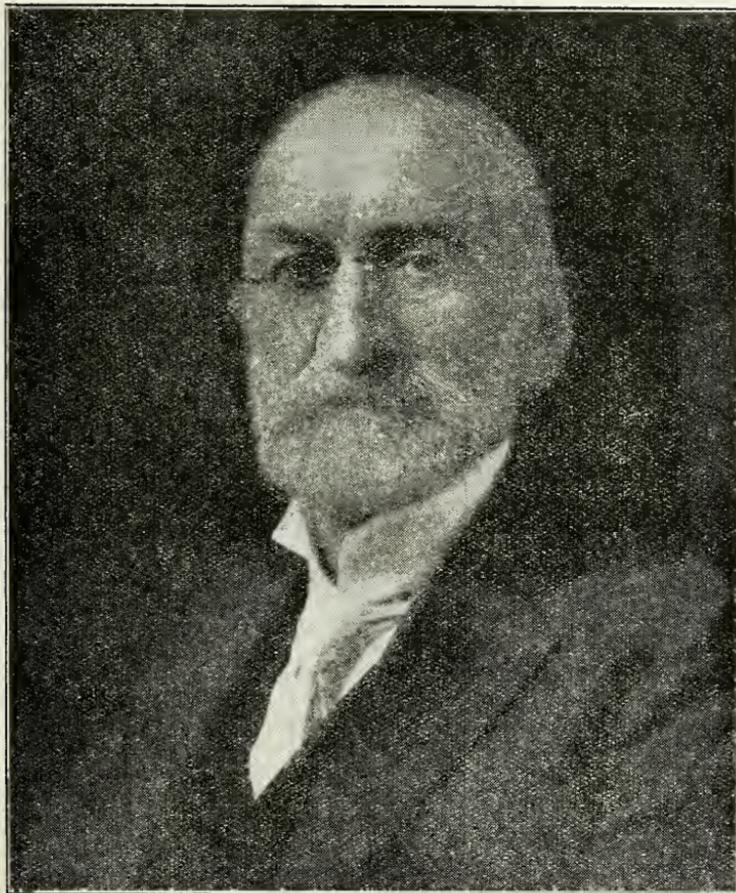


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President Heber J. Grant

“To You, Our Heartiest Birthday Greetings”

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO PRESIDENT GRANT

From His Two Counsellors

WE of the Church and your hosts of other friends extend to you our heartiest greetings and our prayers for your health and welfare for many years to come.

Called to the Apostleship by a special revelation, you have been preserved, sound in body, in mind, and in spirit, to preside over and lead the people forward in God's work. Time and again the Lord has snatched you from the very clutches of death that you might fulfil your mission among the Lord's people.

To Our Leader

BRITISH Latter-day Saints and friends join the Church in sending birthday felicitations to President Heber J. Grant, who enters his eightieth year Friday, November 22.

President Grant's past year has been an eventful one. On May 12 millions of radio listeners heard him declare the message of Mormonism over the Columbia network of 70 stations. On June 30 he effected the organization of the first stake off the American continent, in faroff Hawaii, and less than a month later, July 21, he dedicated the Hill Cumorah monument in western New York. These are but some of the remarkable accomplishments that have marked another inspiring chapter in President Grant's vigorously active life.

You have proved yourself a man of your word, to your associates, to the people, and to your country. You have stood firm and steadfast as the granite of the eternal hills for keeping plighted faith to our nation that we might not prove traitors to our solemn promise to observe the laws of the land which the Prophet himself said was one of our fundamental precepts.

You are proved a man of honour, of truth, of integrity, of chastity, of temperance, of humility, of high principle, of patriotism. You are generous, almost to a fault; you have given bounteously of your substance for the help of the poor, the needy, the widow, and the orphan. You have been patient and long-suffering under dire provocation.

You have sought constantly the will of the Lord; you have so lived always that the Lord might reveal His will and word through you, that you might indeed be a temple for

His spirit.

You love the people; you love and honour the Priesthood; you love the prophets; you love, revere, and seek always to obey the Master; you love God.

May your life be spared many years to lead, hereafter as heretofore, this people in the ways of the Lord.

J. REUBEN CLARK, JR.

First Counsellor in the First Presidency.

SEVENTY-NINE years ago, November 22, in Salt Lake City in a cottage that stood on the spot now occupied by Z. C. M. I. there was born to President Jedediah M. and Rachel Ridgeway Ivins Grant a son whom the parents named Heber Jeddy. Before this baby boy was ten days old he was left fatherless, and his mother at the death of her husband, practically penniless. Judging from the standpoint of worldly possessions, this baby's

Heartfelt Regard

PERHAPS no two men are more intimately associated with President Grant than are President Clark and President McKay, authors of these beautiful birthday messages. Their words of esteem express the heartfelt regard of all saints for their leader.

President Clark, who for many years was an international lawyer and diplomat of note, has been a member of the First Presidency since April 6, 1933, when he was sustained second counsellor. He became first counsellor and President McKay second counsellor October 6, 1934. President McKay, who was president of European Mission from 1922 to 1924, was ordained an Apostle April 9, 1906. The noble lives of Church leaders are a deep source of testimony of the inspired tenets the Gospel teaches.

boyhood was spent on the borderline of poverty, but from the standpoint of soul-growth, he grew in the richest environment that life can offer—under the protection and gentle guidance of a noble woman, a wise and gracious mother. Under her benign influence during the penury of pioneer experiences, there matured in his young soul a spirit of independence and determination that later would make him outstanding among all his associates.

Economy and thrift were his daily companions in boyhood, and faith absorbed from a mother's teachings and acts, was as native to him as the pure mountain air he breathed. No one who has ever heard President Grant tell of these early days can doubt that in the humble, beautiful surroundings of his boyhood home were formed those sterling traits of character which in maturity make him so distinguished among men.

He was well born, and has always appreciated the blessing of noble inheritance from both parents. Deprived of a father's companionship, he appreciated all the more keenly the transforming power of a mother's love. It was she who changed timidity to courage, his self-depreciation to self-confidence; impetuosity to self-control; perseverance she encouraged until it became dominant and supreme;

effeminate tendencies she supplanted by manly qualities. With these and other sterling traits of character, there was implanted in his early life a tenderness that could come only from the heart of his mother. Tenderness is a deep spring in President Grant's soul, the clearness and purity of which are known best, however, only by his loved ones and closest associates.

Today at four-score years, lacking one, we find perfected and personified in him the noble traits of true manhood and great leadership. Most aptly to him may be applied Channing's characterization of the truly great man; for fearlessly and under all conditions he has chosen the right with invincible resolution; he has resisted the sorest temptations from within and from

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THE STORY OF THE Y. W. M. I. A.

*By Katherine L. M. Horner**

WOMAN! Throughout the history of the world she has played an important part. She has made and ruined men, cities and empires. Wherever there is a great man one almost invariably finds a woman behind him—a mother, a wife, a sweet-heart or a sister. For centuries her power was not generally recognized, yet she was there yielding her subtle influence for good or for evil.

Then came Joseph Smith. With his God-given inspiration, he realized how necessary to man woman is, how important for the welfare of mankind that she be given her chance to stand beside him as equal, and what a power for good she could be in the world if trained aright. And so he organized the Relief Society, in 1842. The Relief Society sisters were to help and encourage the Priesthood, to care for the sick and needy and to give temporal and spiritual comfort. And nobly they performed their part. No sacrifice was too great for them. Wherever they were needed they were there, helping, strengthening, encouraging the men, ready even to do a man's work. Yet still they kept their sweet womanly influence. That is woman's greatest asset. Refinement and culture were recognized as essential for both men and women, and despite persecutions and hardships they all strove for temporal and spiritual education.

Sixty-six Years Ago

SIXTY-SIX years ago in the old Lion House in Salt Lake City President Brigham Young organized the Retrenchment Society among his own daughters. A year later, 1870, Nineteenth ward in Salt Lake City adopted the plan, and later it became Church-wide in its scope. From the original organization of seven members it has grown to the present membership of 70,000. There are 700 members in Britain.

In 1932, through the generosity of the First Presidency of the Church, historic Lion House was placed under the supervision of the Y. W. M. I. A. to be used as a social center for women and girls. Today cultural courses are conducted in this renovated old Pioneer home.

After many years there came a time when "in the valleys of the mountains" men and women of the Church of Jesus Christ were permitted to dwell in comparative peace and comfort. Children, who did not have to face the persecutions that their parents had endured, were born and grew to young manhood and womanhood. The boys went on missions, where they learned the Gospel thoroughly and gained strong testimonies. But the girls who remained at home did not have the same opportunity of realizing the truthfulness of the Gospel. Consequently there became the danger of a spirit of pride and vanity growing among them.

Brigham Young, who, after the death of Joseph Smith, became Prophet and Leader of the Church, recognized the possibility of

*Southwest London branch, Mission Y. W. M. I. A. President.

these conditions and knew that something must be done to avert them. On November 28, 1869, he called his daughters together, told them of the evils of pride and extravagance growing amongst the "Daughters of Zion," and with their approval organized the Young Ladies' Retrenchment Association, choosing officers from among his own daughters. They were to retrench in dress, speech and rich foods. They were to wear only the simplest clothes so that they might not cause their poorer

sisters to feel inferior. They were to talk simply and not try to put more food on their tables than their neighbour had for the sake of competition. They were to learn of the Gospel and gain strong testimonies that they might exert the same power for good that their mothers had. Faithfully these young ladies did their part, inducing their friends to join, until it was eventually made a ward organization. Though these girls dressed simply, they still tried to look as attractive as possible, for Brigham Young was a strong advocate of refinement and culture in all its forms.



RUTH MAY FOX

After the organization of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association six years later, the name of the Retrenchment Association was changed to Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Association. Last year the word *ladies* was changed to *women*, making it Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association. As the years have passed by, this organization has grown almost beyond belief. Offering the opportunity of leadership to all its members, it has brought forth many fine women, great leaders in the Church, women respected and esteemed by the world. Ruth May Fox, over eighty years of age and president of this association today, is as bright and active as a woman of thirty years. She was chosen as one of the six most prominent women in Utah. She has also received national recognition from the National Council of Women. Not only a leader, but poet and writer, she is the author of that beautiful, spirited M. I. A. song, "Carry On." She is one of the noble women of all time. Her associates and members of the general board of Y. W. M. I. A. are also true leaders, inspired women. What finer, sweeter, stronger character could one desire than that of Sister Rose W. Bennett, whom we were so happy to have with us at our M. I. A. conference?

Reaching out to all girls over the age of 12 years, the Y. W. M. I. A. has done much to enable its members to mingle with ease among the educated people of the world and at the

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AUXILIARY GUIDE FOR DECEMBER

RELIEF SOCIETY

First Week. Opening exercises. Preliminary programme: a short talk on the Latter-day Saints as home-loving people, including references to the beautiful homes built in Nauvoo. Testimony and Theology. Lesson text: The temple at Nauvoo. Objective: to indicate the importance of temple work among the Latter-day Saints. It might be well to give most of the time used for testimony bearing to an appreciation of work for the dead and the opportunity of having one's family sealed to one for eternity, and of making the marriage covenant eternal.

Second Week. Opening exercises. Preliminary programme: short talks by two members in which they tell an actual experience whereby they gained some soul-growth through accepting the reproof of life. For instance, they may have had some attitude of mind or some habit that was doing them damage which they scarcely realized. When it was called to their attention, either by some person, or by some unhappy experience, they saw their error and corrected it, thereby gaining development of soul. Teachers' Topic. Lesson text: Accepting Reproof. Objective: to show value of reproof.

Third Week. Opening exercises. Preliminary programme. Let some one who can get a copy of the *Merchant of Venice* read the three scrolls that were found in the caskets. "All that glisters is not gold," etc. (Literary lesson. Text: *Merchant of Venice*.) Objective: to appreciate a great drama. Try to have two people read the play and each tell part of the story and another read some of the finest lines in the play, such as "The quality of mercy is not strained," etc., from Portia's speech in the last act.

Fourth Week. Opening exercises. Let a member give a talk on the value of sleep to the spirit as well as to the body, Shakespeare has written many poetic lines on this subject. In just how many ways does sleep help us? Health Lessons. Text: Sleep. Objective: to show the value of sleep, especially to children.—RAMONA W. CANNON.

MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

SUNDAY JOINT PROGRAMME

Organ or piano prelude: Five minutes before opening.

Hymn: "Come, Listen to a Prophet's Voice."

Talk: "Feel Joy, Through Home Associations," by a Bee-Hive Girl.

Instrumental Music: By an artiste—outside the Church if possible.

Address: "The Dignity and Worth of the Human Soul as Taught by Joseph Smith."

Chorus or Solo: Use artistes outside the Church if possible.

Address: "Jesus Christ's Ministry in Galilee."

Hymn: "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go."

Benediction.

SUGGESTIONS FOR DECEMBER

The M. I. A. meeting of December 16 is scheduled as a special programme with the entire association or branch participating. There is no departmental work, but an evening of dancing, drama, or music, or all three. Make it an evening of pre-Christmas festivities. Christmas carols, dances, stunts or readings, presents for children or for each other, a community Christmas tree, and a joyous friendly time for all.

No regular meetings are scheduled for the two weeks of the holiday period. Special meetings in keeping with the season are encouraged.

M. I. A. officers and the Community Activity Committee might promote a "Cheer Week" with gratifying results.

GOLD AND GREEN

Set the date and plan now for the district Gold and Green Ball. Make it the outstanding social event of the year. If both branch and district functions are planned, give distinction to the district affair by calling it a *Ball*, and the branch party a Gold and Green *dance*. Both December and February are "open" months, so that branch Gold and Green dances can be held during those months without interfering with the district Ball which is scheduled in the M. I. A. programme for January.

BEE-HIVE

Every Bee-Hive Girl should know something of the *Life of the Bee* by Maeterlinck. The book itself is too hard for the young girls, so we have printed the *Story of the Life of the Bee* by Sister Beesley. This can be obtained from the Mission bookstore for 2d. It is simple and easy to understand and every girl should possess a copy.

M MEN

The regulation M Men sweater—an emerald green, roll neck, heavy, 16 shilling sweater with the M Men monogram—is now available at the Mission bookstore at 10 shillings six pence.

HEALTH

The Word of Wisdom gives the Latter-day Saints a splendid advantage over other people in keeping physically fit. Let's use this advantage by living the Word of Wisdom rather than merely *keeping it*.

British mission authorities and M. I. A. officers are projecting the following slogan as the key-note for the development of health among Latter-day Saints in Great Britain: WE WILL DO OUR PART TO MAKE BRITAIN AN A1 NATION.—BRITISH MISSION M. I. A. BOARDS.

PRIMARY ASSOCIATION

BETWEEN Christmas and New Year's Day Primary workers will have an opportunity of giving to the children, through the Christmas party, the full meaning of that greeting. Keep the party as simple as possible. Make it interesting with new and pleasant experiences. Do not spend too much money for the treat for the children. Do not make it a concert. Lesson work must go on as usual. If you would like, charge the adults a small admission fee. Let the children be free to invite playmates.

During the new quarter let the message of "Peace and Goodwill" predominate every class you hold. Take into the lives of the children the joy of living, and the supreme delight of love of fellowmen.—ELIZABETH CORNWALL, MISSION PRIMARY SUPERVISOR.

THE ONE PRICELESS TREASURE

HAPPINESS is the one priceless treasure in all the world. It eludes him who seeks it—the rich man cannot buy it—none of us can give it, for happiness is the gold with which God pays His debts.—*Daily Telegraph*.

THERE can be no true, perfect civilization where there is not faithful obedience to the commandments of God.—ELDER JOSEPH FIELDING SMITH.

THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS' MILLENNIAL STAR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1935

EDITORIAL

OUR LEADER

PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT will reach the seventy-ninth anniversary of his birth on the twenty-second of this month. The day finds him in the best of health. His vigour of body, mind and spirit seem undiminished. His zest of life and its many duties, especially in his high office, is keen and vibrant. He leads where many younger men have not the energy and strength to follow. He has been greatly blessed. For this the whole Church is grateful.

In the doctrinal structure of the Church, the first principle is continued revelation from God, and in the organization of the Church, the key figure is the President of the High Priesthood, through whom revelations for the conduct of the Church are given. These are two of the marks by which the true Church of Christ may ever be recognized.

The logic of this foundation of the Church is irresistible. If "the spirit giveth light (revelation) to every man that cometh into the world," for his personal welfare, the same spirit must reveal truth through a sustained leader for the guidance of the body of the Church. Take away continuous revelation and the Church becomes man-made; take away the inspired authorized leader, and the Church becomes rudderless. Erase these two marks and commotion, conflict and chaos result.

The President of the Church is "appointed by revelation, and acknowledged in his administration by the Church." No man may with safety aspire to this position, which is filled, as all other positions in the Church, however humble the instruments used, through the will of the Lord. Yet every man retains the right to sustain or fail to sustain the man divinely appointed to lead the Church, and to abide by the consequences of his act. Therefore, the people vote upon their officers in frequent conferences.

The President has vast powers conferred upon him. "He is to preside over the whole Church, and be like unto Moses—Behold, here is wisdom; yea to be a seer, a revelator, a translator, and a prophet, having all the gifts of God which he bestows upon the head of the Church." That is, he may bring into action the gift or power needed at a particular time to meet the emergency or need of the Church. In his official capacity he speaks under inspiration. He becomes the mouthpiece of the Lord on earth. He is primarily a teacher of the principles of the plan of salva-

tion. He never attempts to force his views upon men, or to coerce the human will.

Naturally, it may and does happen that the views of some members of the Church, intent upon their own purposes, fail to harmonize with the teachings of the President of the Church. The history of the Church has shown, however, that the counsel given by the President has always been the best to meet an existing condition. It has been so from Joseph Smith to Heber J. Grant. Each President has met perfectly the needs of his day. The lesson of history teaches that the members of the Church may safely follow the leadership of the man called to preside over the Church. Moreover, men may recognize the truth emanating from the President of the Church, by a simple formula, "whosoever receiveth my word receiveth me, and whosoever receiveth those, the First Presidency, whom I have sent, whom I have made counsellors for my name's sake unto you." Those who are wise will be alert to the word of our Prophet, and anxious to abide by his counsel.

President Grant's administration has been marked by rapid, steady progress of the Church. His problems have been many, his duties innumerable, his leadership safe. His watchword has been, "Keep the commandments." The Spirit of revelation has been upon him. He has the love and confidence of the people of the Church and of many beyond. He stands a worthy successor by the side of those who have preceded him in his exalted calling. But, under the Lord, he but represents the people of the Church and serves them all on earth. His power of service and joy of accomplishment will increase with the earnest, sincere support of the people. Whenever spirit speaks to spirit, from man to man, from member to president, when all are united, the full glory of the Lord will rest upon His Church. We have been commanded to support the President of the Church and his counsellors, by our "confidence, faith and prayer." Let us do so.

In this troubled age, Latter-day Saints may well sing, joyously, "We Thank Thee, O God, for a prophet, to guide us in these latter days."—ELDER JOHN A. WIDTSOE, in the *Improvement Era*.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES

PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. MERRILL will speak at Northampton branch chapel, 89 St. Michael's street, Northampton Sunday, November 24. Sheffield district conference will convene Sunday, November 24, sessions beginning at 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. in Sheffield branch chapel, Lyon and Ellsmore roads. A social will be held the preceding Saturday evening. President Joseph J. Cannon will be in attendance.

Leicester branch hall, Great Central street and All Saints Open, Leicester, will be scene of Nottingham district social and concert Saturday, November 30, and conference will follow Sunday, December 1, in Queen's hall, Silver street, Leicester.

LEADERS IN THE MISSION

President Andre K. Anastasiou of London District

By ELDER M. NEFF SMART

HOW dull it is to pause, to make an end, to rust unburnished, not to shine in use. . . ." Those words of the Greek hero Ulysses, whose zeal and adventure have thrilled the world in literature, express the spirit of President Andre Konstantin Anastasiou of London district.

The vitality and enthusiasm so characteristic of the Russian have leavened Brother Anastasiou's 41 years to the extent that his life reads like a story-book.

Since his birth in Odessa, Russia's grain export city on the Black sea, October 31, 1894 he has experienced one adventure after another. Andre was the oldest son of a family of five children. His father, Konstantin Anastasiou, was a baker, and his mother, Ephemina Lousina Anastasiou, was a devout member of the Greek Orthodox church, in which Andre sang as a choir boy.



PRESIDENT ANASTASIOU

Depression cast its shadow over the Anastasiou household, and when Andre was 15 years of age he was taken from school to work in a commercial house in Odessa, and from there he went to an engraving firm.

While taking ballroom lessons in a Russian dancing school in May, 1914, a friend suggested to him a journey abroad, and for the next few months twenty-year-old Andre travelled as a stowaway in a merchant ship. From Odessa he went to Oran, Algeria, and from there to Antwerp, Belgium. He obtained a job in a Belgium coal mine, and it was while he was swinging a miner's pick that the World war broke out. From the coal fields he fled across the shell-torn battlefields to Brussels. From there he slipped through the military lines to Ghent and thence to Ostend. He sailed from there to England, arriving in Folkestone, near Dover.

During the dark days of the war the young raven-haired refugee toiled as a carpenter, then worked in a munitions factory in Coventry, and from there returned to London to accept a position as Russian correspondent for a firm of film exporters. While in London he studied music and played parts in two films. A few months later he was introduced to Mormonism.

It was the contrast between the ceremony, pomp and show of the church in which he had been reared, and the quiet sincerity and genuine happiness of the Latter-day Saints that caused

Brother Anastasiou to investigate the Gospel thoroughly, and to conclude that the message of Mormonism was divine. His introduction to the Gospel came when he became intimately acquainted with a London business associate, Forrest Stewart, a Mormon boy from Idaho. They first met at a Russo-British

London District

THREE early leaders in the Church, Wilford Woodruff, Heber C. Kimball and George A. Smith, first sounded the Gospel message in London. They arrived August 18, 1840 and the first sermon in Britain's capital was delivered by Elder Smith at Temperance Society hall, August 25, and Henry Connor, a watchmaker, became the first London convert August 31. He was baptized in Peerless Pool.

Among the Church leaders who were born in what now embraces London district were John R. Winder, first counsellor in the First Presidency 1901-10 (born at Biddenden, December 11, 1821), Charles W. Penrose, first counsellor in the First Presidency 1921-25 (born in Camberwell, London, February 4, 1832) and James E. Talmage, member of the Council of Twelve 1911-33 (born at Hungerford, Berkshire, September 21, 1862).

London district now includes Southwest London, North London, St. Albans, Luton, Letchworth, Portsmouth, Brighton and Gravesend branches.—
W. J. A.

mineralogical exhibition in Westminster. A fast friendship grew between them and in months that followed Brother Anastasiou learned the principles of the Gospel through the words and actions of his Latter-day Saint friend. He attended Hammersmith branch of London district for several months and was baptized May 18, 1917.

Less than a year after his baptism, Brother Anastasiou was called to fill a local mission. Because of the War missionaries were few. He laboured for six months in London during a time when London newspapers were projecting a concerted campaign against Latter-day Saints in Great Britain. During this period he fearlessly and aggressively answered the challenges of the prejudiced public both in Fleet street editorial rooms and from the stand in Hyde park. Open-air meetings in London's famous park were inaugurated by Elder Ralph J. Pugh and Brother Anastasiou.

Brother Anastasiou's early education in the public schools of Russia and his experience as an instructor in Russian in London schools prepared him for what is probably the most important work of his career—translating the Book of Mormon into the Russian tongue. He completed this project in September, 1933.

Brother Anastasiou's testimony of the truth and value of the Gospel has grown out of an application of its principles. In his travels, his studies, his experience in defending an unpopular gospel and in his business he has proved the Gospel from a practical standpoint.

Immediately following his release from his missionary labours a particularly faith-promoting incident occurred which stands as a bulwark for his faith. The day following his release an amount of money equal to that which he had spent to support himself during the six months period came to him by post. This sum, thirty pounds, arrived unexpectedly as a supplement to the salary

he received while teaching school just prior to his acceptance of his mission call. It made possible his launching into medical study in Kings college.

It was at old Deseret, London district headquarters during the War, that Brother Anastasion met Marie Willoughby Meade, and their association in that historic place paved the way for their marriage September 30, 1922. They have been blessed with five children, Andre Jr., 12; Diane, 8; Yvonne, 7; Angela, 3, and Paul, one year.

President Anastasion's zeal for missionary work is indicated in his favourite passage of scripture, Doctrine and Covenants, Section 4:

Now behold, a marvellous work is about to come forth among the children of men.

Therefore, O ye that embark in the service of God, see that ye serve him with all your heart, might, mind and strength, that ye may stand blameless before God at the last day.

Therefore, if ye have desires to serve God ye are called to the work;

For behold the field is white already to harvest; and lo, he that thrusteth in his sickle with his might, the same layeth up in store that he perisheth not, but bringeth salvation to his soul;

And faith, hope, charity and love, with an eye single to the glory of God, qualify him for the work.

Remember faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, brotherly kindness, godliness, charity, humility, diligence.

Ask, and ye shall receive; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Amen.

President Anastasion has served in the branch Sunday School superintendency, as branch Y. M. M. I. A. president, as Southwest branch president and now as district president, with his two capable counsellors, Brothers William C. McCormick and A. J. Willmott. They were set apart as a presidency May 5, 1935.

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without; he has borne the heaviest burdens cheerfully; he is calmest in storms and most fearless under menace and frowns, and his reliance on truth, on virtue, and on God is most unflinching.

It has been my privilege to see his tenderness and his strength; his unselfishness, his responsiveness to inspiration and to all that is true and Christ-like. His devotion to his family, to his Church and to God is paramount; and his friendship, the precious possession found only in the brotherhood of Christ. Honesty, integrity, consistency, persistency, loyalty to God, and fidelity to truth have marked his pathway through life—these have been the rounds of the ladder by which he has climbed to the highest honour that has come to mortal man.

God bless you President Grant on this your seventy-ninth anniversary! May health, peace, and happiness attend you as our leader for many years to come!

DAVID O. MCKAY

Second Counsellor in the First Presidency

—(From the *Improvement Era*.)

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same time continue with the "work of the world." Its purpose is to perfect womanhood. Whatever talents a girl may have she is here given a chance to develop them and through these opportunities many women have made good in the country in which they live. With its leisure time programme the Y. W. M. I. A. has interested many young women who would have otherwise spent their time in a less beneficent way. Here in the British mission this work is gradually taking a firmer hold. As it grows and capable leaders are found for each department, the Young Women of the British mission will stand out as educated, attractive, refined and cultured women. They will be equal to women of any age of the world in the influence they exercise on mankind—a wholesome influence that will make men bless the name of woman.

Let each girl and woman realize her responsibility as a member of the Church. Let her take full advantage of the opportunities for growth and development offered by the Y. W. M. I. A. Let her fulfil her duties and act joyously—yet with dignity and poise. Then the Latter-day Saint woman will be recognized as a "gem beyond the price of rubies" and the Lord will bless her abundantly.


 NEWS OF THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

Foreign language newspapers of the Church have been discontinued, it is announced by Elder Rulon S. Wells of the First Council of Seventy and vice-chairman of the committee in charge of the foreign newspaper publications. Because all foreign missions now publish their own organs, continuance of the foreign service from Salt Lake City was deemed unnecessary. Publication closed with October 5 issues.

Editorial columns of the *Birmingham Gazette* (November 6), with a circulation of 128,000 subscribers, carried an item about the changed attitude in Great Britain toward Latter-day Saints. The editorial in this newspaper, one of the largest in the midlands, reads, in part: "How different is the present-day attitude of the British public towards Mormonism to what it was in pre-war days! The emissaries who came over from America in those days were real martyrs. I have seen them mobbed, frog-

marched and kicked off people's doorsteps. With exaggerated ideas of the practice of polygamy in the Mormon faith, every father seemed to think the missionaries had designs on his innocent daughter! There was a great stir in all the newspapers about the machinations of the Mormons in 1912, and as an adventurous reporter-cub I secured admission to a Church of the Latter-day Saints (Mormon edifice) and attended one of their services. It was regarded as a somewhat sensational achievement, almost as great as entering Smith-Pyggott's Agapemony (The Abode of Love). Just compare the conditions of Mormonism in England today! The faith has quite a strong following; their ministers enjoy the same freedom as those of any other denomination; the public has been enlightened regarding the polygamy fallacy; and the *Mormons are now regarded as honest, God-fearing people who live according to clean, healthy tenets.*"

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. MERRILL of European mission, President Joseph J. Cannon of British mission and Sister Emily T. Merrill, consulting adviser of women's auxiliaries of European mission, were speakers at the evening session of Newcastle district conference in Alexandra hall, Sunderland, Sunday, November 10. President Merrill showed how order in the universe was one of the strong evidences of the existence of God. The fact that there are no personal references to him in the Book of Mormon is a proof that Joseph Smith did not give the Book to the world for personal aggrandizement, was a point stressed by President Cannon, and Sister Merrill encouraged the saints to look joyfully to the future with faith during times of distress.

The session, conducted by District President Frederick W. Oates, was attended by 195 persons. The M Men quartette furnished numbers and Elder James Sterling Astin sang a solo.

Dr. James Lloyd Woodruff and his daughter, Sister Constance Woodruff, of Los Angeles, California, Elder Elvon G. Jackson and Sister Elizabeth Cornwall, Mission Primary supervisor, spoke at the afternoon meeting, conducted by Brother Arthur Finlay of the district presidency. Participants on the M.I.A. programme were Brother W. Torrens and Sisters Nora Edwards, Violet Wappett and Nellie Hannah. The Mission M Men quartette sang and vocal duets were rendered by Sisters Lillian and Myrtle Foster and Sisters Maisie Parkes and Elsie Ellis.

Brother George Wappett of the district presidency conducted the morning services, which included remarks by President Cannon, district President Oates, Supervising Elder J. A. Marcroft and Elders Arland T. Christensen, Stanford J. Robison, John E. Cameron, Clair M. Aldrich, John R. Henderson and John P. Gleave. A testimony meeting preceded this session.

OF CURRENT INTEREST

Monarchy—King George II of Greece, restored to the throne by a 95 per cent vote of the Greek nation, is expected to arrive in Athens November 22. The King, who has been living in London, is the great-grandson of Queen Victoria and first cousin to the Duchess of Kent. The King once more became the reigning monarch of his country at a simple half-hour ceremony at the Greek Legation in London, November 10. Three ministers read separate addresses, from his country, the army and the National Assembly, asking him to return to the throne as soon as possible.

Parliament—Speaking at a general election November 14, the people of Great Britain have generally voiced their approval of the policies of the National Government, which won more than a 250 majority in the nation-wide balloting. A percentage of 70.09 of the country's electorate of 30,856,279 voted in the parliamentary election, which saw the defeat of former

Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald at Seaham, his son, Malcolm, Colonial Secretary, at Gasselaw, and Sir Herbert Samuel, Liberal leader, at Darwin.

Stratosphere—The ascension 14 miles above the earth of two United States army officers—higher than a human being had ever penetrated the stratosphere—is causing considerable interest in scientific circles. Many wireless listeners in Britain picked up the messages of the two men, Captain Albert Stevens and Captain Orvil Andersen, as they corresponded with Washington, D.C. throughout their flight November 11 in a metal gondola swinging from a balloon as high as a thirty-story skyscraper. They reached a height where the temperature was 67 degrees below zero and the sky was so blue it looked black. Oxygen machines kept them alive in the sealed gondola. The climb took four hours 25 minutes and the descent three hours eight minutes.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Doings in the Districts: Birmingham—New officers set apart in Rugby branch Sunday, November 3, were Sister Winnifred W. Lynn, Relief Society president; Sister Eva E. Bennett, Y.W.M.I.A. president, and Sister Joan E. Reeve, branch clerk. Brother William Lynn was ordained a deacon by Brother George E. Hunter of the district presidency.

More than fifty persons attended the recent Sparkbrook branch conference in the branch hall. Conducted by Branch President Frederick Webb, the evening session included talks by District President Norman Dunn and Elder Eugene T. Pin-gree. The Latter-day Saint Harmony Four rendered numbers and Sister Muriel Hunter, district chorister, sang a solo. Sunday School Superintendent William J. Dyson was in charge of the morning meeting. Brother Roger James

Megeney was ordained to the office of teacher and Brother Cyril James Megeney to the office of deacon.

Liverpool—New officers of Preston branch Sunday School sustained Sunday, November 3, include Brother Thomas H. Webster, superintendent; Sister Bessie Corless, first assistant; Sister Irene Winn, second assistant, and Sister Gertrude Corless, secretary-treasurer.

Hallowe'en night was celebrated in Preston branch hall Wednesday, October 31. The hall was decorated in black and yellow and Hallowe'en symbols by Sister Gertrude Corless and Irene Winn and Mrs. Violet

Fields and Miss Doris Deane. Brother C. Hartley was ghost of the evening, and Mill Hill Accordion orchestra provided the music.

Festooned with orange and black colours, Nelson branch hall was scene of an Hallowe'en masquerade ball Saturday, November 2. Sister Doris Owens of Burnley, district Gold and Green queen, distributed prizes for fancy dress. Sisters May Slater and Lillian Owens, Y. W. M. I. A. presidents of Nelson and Burnley branches, respectively, planned the event.

Mormon Lectures

Two lucid lectures on "The Fundamentals of Mormonism" were given before Stourbridge, Worcestershire Adult school at the local Friends' meeting hall recently by Brother Robert L. Dunn, Kidderminster branch president.

Brother Dunn was introduced to the School by Mr. Clarence Hood, president, at the opening lecture Sunday, October 27. A detailed report on Brother Dunn's remarks was published in the Stourbridge newspaper, the *County Express* (November 2).

District President Fred Bradbury, Elders David Y. Rogers, Branch President Walter Thompson and Brother Eddie Preston were speakers at Blackburn branch conference, the theme of which was "The Auxiliaries of the Church," Sunday, November 3. Sunday School children took part on the morning programme.

Preston branch Relief Society conducted its opening social in the branch rooms Monday, October 28, with a programme of games, songs and recitations. Sisters Annie Johnson, Dora Pierpont and May Roche were in charge.

Preston branch Primary children were entertained at an Hallowe'en party in the branch hall Thursday evening, November 1, under the supervision of Sisters Rosa Webster, Gertrude and Bessie Corless and Irene Winn, Miss Doris Dean and Mrs. Violet Fields.

Blackburn branch Sunday School gathered at the home of Sister Isabella Blackburn Saturday, Nov-

ember 2, for a social, proceeds of which went to the children's Christmas party.

Manchester—"The Way to Perfection" was the theme of Hyde branch Relief Society conference in the branch hall Sunday, October 27. Sister E. Holt, Relief Society president, conducted the services, and speakers included Sisters Holt and Florence Allsop, district supervisor. Selections were presented by the Singing Mothers.

A weird, ghostly atmosphere hovered over Hyde branch hall Saturday, November 2, as saints and friends celebrated Hallowe'en. The programme included community singing, a song by Brother Briton Beverley, a play presented by the Bee-Hive Girls, a story by Brother T. H. Boothroyd, a "Chamber of Horrors" sketch by the M Men, and games. Refreshments were served by Gleaner Girls. Sister A. Boothroyd was in charge.

Oldham branch Birthday club sponsored a social in the branch hall Saturday, November 2, approximately thirty persons enjoying the programme of songs, recitations, instrumental selections and games.

Nottingham—Forty saints and

friends attended Hucknall branch conference in the branch hall Sunday, November 3. The branch choir rendered an anthem and addresses were given by Elder Abraham Noble and Sister Annie Noble and leaders of branch auxiliaries. The district presidency were in attendance.

"Rose Swarm" Bee-Hive girls of Eastwood branch sponsored a social and supper at the home of Sister Ivy Fletcher Wednesday, November 6, under the direction of Beekeeper Annie Wild. Thirty guests were served.

A successful Primary social was held Saturday, November 2, in Eastwood branch hall under the direction of Sister Margaret Wild, Primary mother, and Sisters Irene Walker and Eva Williams. Fifty persons enjoyed the songs, recitations and games. Proceeds went toward chartering a bus to take Primary children to the district conference.

Norwich—Y.M.M.I.A. President Wilfred Burrell was in charge of an Hallowe'en social in Norwich branch hall Saturday, November 2. Games and refreshments provided an entertaining evening.

DEATH

ROBINSON—Funeral services for Brother Royal Baden Robinson, 35, of Middlesbrough branch, who died October 23, were conducted at Lindthorpe cemetery chapel, Saturday, October 26. President James A. Thompson and Elder John P.

Gleave spoke, Sisters Maizie Parkes and Norah Ellis gave vocal selections and Elder Clair M. Aldrich dedicated the grave. The body was viewed by friends at the home of Brother and Sister George Burns.

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